

Senate Resolution 1553

By: Senator Hill of the 4th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. George W. "Jack" Strickland, Jr.; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
4 with the passing of Mr. George W. "Jack" Strickland, Jr., on April 5, 2010; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Strickland was born on March 1, 1925, a beloved son of George W.  
6 Strickland, Sr., and Carrie Bell Sikes Strickland and was raised in Daisy, Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
8 States Army, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans from February of  
9 1943 to December of 1945; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Strickland purchased Evans Concrete Products Company in 1948 which  
11 he expanded over the years to include 14 ready mix concrete plants and two sand mine  
12 operations by the time of his retirement from the company in 2002; and

13 WHEREAS, a compassionate philanthropist, Mr. Strickland made numerous contributions  
14 to organizations and communities to improve the quality of life in Evans County and the  
15 surrounding areas, including funding for the Jack Strickland Rehabilitation Center and the  
16 addition of the birthing center at Evans Memorial Hospital; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Strickland's leadership and vision were instrumental to numerous  
18 organizations, including the Claxton Rotary Club, the Claxton/Evans County Chamber of  
19 Commerce, the board of directors for the Claxton Bank, Claxton Lions Club, Evans County  
20 Farm Bureau, American Legion, Georgia Society of Professional Engineers, and the National  
21 Ready Mix Concrete Association; and

22 WHEREAS, he was a founding member of the Evans County Wildlife Club and the Evans  
23 Heights Golf Club and was honored as Employer of the Year by Claxton Business and  
24 Professional Women's Club; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Strickland was united in love and marriage to Muriel Anderson, and  
26 enjoyed fishing, golfing, and hunting with his beloved bird dogs; and

27 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
28 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his  
29 family and friends were admired by others; and

30 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Strickland will long be remembered for  
31 his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, community leader, and friend will  
32 be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
34 join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. George W. "Jack" Strickland, Jr., and express  
35 their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
37 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. George W. "Jack"  
38 Strickland, Jr.